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Election update

As of press time for this issue of the **HowNiKan** incumbents Vice Chairman Doyle Owens and Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Peltier were unopposed in their 1986 bid for re-election.

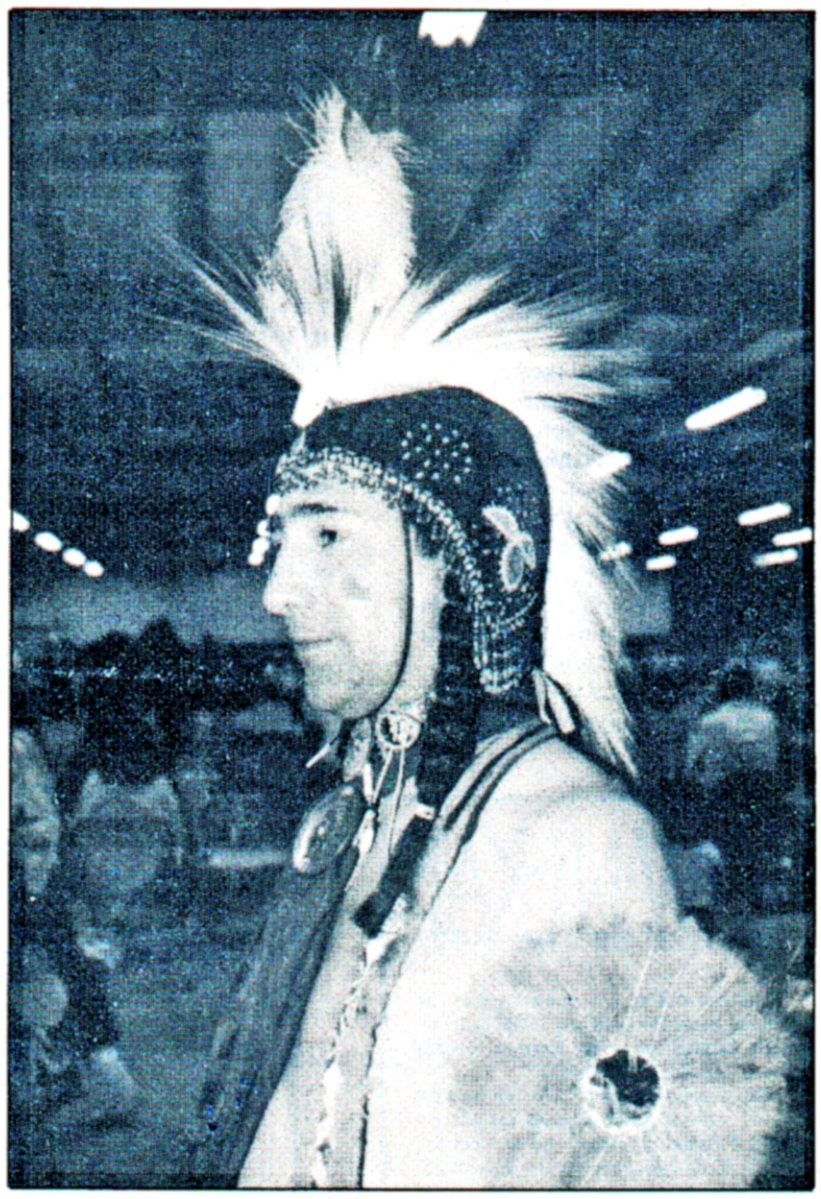
The filing period for candidacy closes at 5 p.m. on April 28, 1986. Prospective candidates, however, are urged to deliver their declaration of candidacy and cashier's check to the Tribal Secretary's office in advance of the deadline's "final minutes." According to Election Committee Chairman Norman Kiker, the doors will be locked at 5 p.m. exactly and all legitimate candidates for office should have filed by that time.

To avoid the confusion of the 1985 election the HowNiKan will carry monthly updates on election issues —as well as printed requests for ballots. Any tribal member, however, 18 years or older, is eligible to vote by absentee ballot in the 1986 election. You do not have to submit the request for ballot printed in the **HowNiKan**; you can simply drop a line to the Election Committee at P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, Oklahoma 74873. Your full name, address and tribal roll number must accompany a request for ballot and it must be postmarked no later than June 7, 1986.

All tribal members are urged to request a ballot for this year's election as there will be other referendum issues to decide in addition to the election of officers.



Wichita Memories - Martin, Anthony & Francis Levier catching up on family news. (See page 9)



It's pow wow season!

(More photos page 4)

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Tribal Member's Request for Ballot

All members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe age 18 on or before June 28, 1986, may now vote in election and Council issues. PLEASE VOTE! The last day to mail your request for ballot is June 7, 1986, although you are encouraged to mail your request NOW. Information on candidates will be published in the HowNiKan. You may attend the Council and vote in person if you wish, but please vote. The election will be held June 28.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town/Zip: _____

Roll Number: _____

Mail To: Election Commission

Potawatomi Tribe of Ok., P.O. Box 310
Tecumseh, Oklahoma 74873



A letter from your Chairman

Dear Tribal Members,

Tribal election time is coming soon. Before the politicking and rhetoric divert our attention, there are some **very** important issues on this ballot in addition to the election of officers. Under our new constitution all General Council issues must be voted on by all tribal members over the age of 18 —and you are all the new General Council.

This year the tribal budget and administrative guidelines for the funds set-aside by Congress at the direction of the tribe for maintenance of tribal facilities, land acquisition and industrial development will be voted on. **We urge you to approve this budget.** The money was set-aside by the tribe for specific purposes that were approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The money can only be spent in these ways. If these funds are made available to the tribe, the money generated by tribal enterprises can accumulate for our projected per capita payment.

This year's ballot will also contain the names of individuals selected to sit as judges on the Potawatomi Tribal Court. You will be asked to confirm the appointments of the Business Committee. All of the people selected are either lawyers or have had previous experience as CFR Court judges (our previous tribal court). Not all of these appointees are Potawatomi. Not all are Indian. But each is qualified to enforce and interpret tribal law and has experience in doing so. Each has a reputation for honesty and impartiality. We can ask for no more than that in a judge. As the years go by and we live and operate under our new tribal constitution, constant vigilance will be needed to protect the impartiality of the courts. The biographies of the judges will be published in the HowNiKan before election time. Study these people, please. Their job is too important to be held by politicians or kin-folks-patronage job seekers. Our government is a mockery unless the courts are just and fair.

Another issue that will be on this ballot is an issue that has been talked about, promised, hinted at, and a part of every election since the 1950's. The issue is per capita payments —when will the entire tribe get to share in some of the money being earned by our enterprises?This Business Committee has presented the issue at six different Regional Council meetings. Discussion has varied from, "use the money for historical preservation," to "I want my kids to get my share," to "where's my check; I want it all and I want it now." The Business Committee is placing a specific plan for per capita payments on this ballot. When tribal net income from operation of non-federally funded, tribally owned businesses exceeds $100 per tribal member, 50 percent of that amount will be paid to Council members. Funds for minors will be escrowed to earn interest until the minor tribal members reach the age where they become a member of the Council. This proposition is entirely contingent on the adoption of the budget and administrative guidelines for the set-aside funds. Unless we have the use of the set-aside funds for operating the tribe, we will have to continue to use the money from our enterprises. For those of you who wish to contribute your per capita payment back to the tribe for a specific purpose, provisions will be made to secure a tax deduction for your gift. Again, I urge you, please vote to approve the budget and guidelines for the set-aside —and approve the per capita payment plan. So you will know this is not "pie in the sky," the tribal enterprises already make a net operating profit in excess of $50 per tribal member.

We hope you are happy with our efforts on the Business Committee. The cut back on the number of jobs at the tribe was necessary. It had to be done. With the more experienced people we now have, the job is getting done with a dozen less people at a savings of over $200,000 annually. While not everyone on staff is Potawatomi, any tribal member with comparable education and experience receives preference in the hiring process. Our first goal is efficient performance to save the tribe's money. Our second goal is hiring and training tribal members.

For those of you who have written to me personally, please be patient and I will get an answer back to you. As you may know, I am not an employee of the tribe and the majority of my time is spent running my business. While tribal staff, specifically Patricia Sulcer, assists me in responding to your letters, my time has been limited. I will write back to you as soon as possible or refer your specific request for information or assistance to the correct tribal department head.

Please vote in the next election. Send in your request for an absentee ballot on any piece of paper with your name, address and roll number. When you get your ballot, mark it and send it back immediately. It is so important for you to participate. If you want to vote in person and attend the meeting and pow wow, we welcome you as family and friends.

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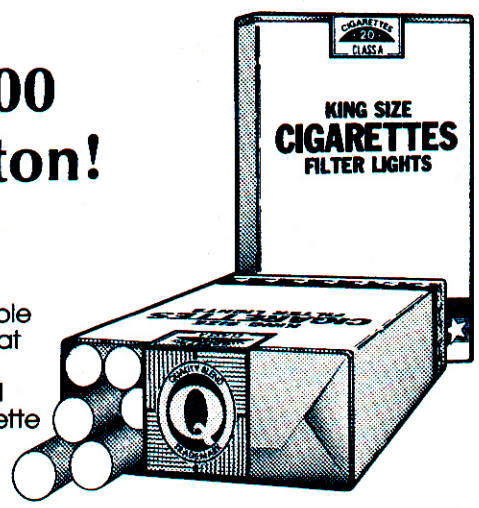
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Kime Family reunion

The second annual Kime family reunion will be held June 7, 1986 at the CCC Lake, south of Perry, Oklahoma off from Highway 86.

All descendents of the Kime family that originated in the Macomb, Oklahoma area are invited to attend the reunion that will begin at 10 a.m.

Persons attending the gathering are asked to bring enough food for their family. Silverware, plates and beverages will be provided and door prizes will be given away.

For further information contact Fred Kime, Rt. 3, Perry, Oklahoma 73077 —(405) 336—5993 or Bruce Kime, Box 104, Morrison, Oklahoma 73061 —(405) 724—3524.

Swimmer supports state laws

The Interior Department announced February 6th that it will deny requests to take off-reservation Indian lands into trust status for the purpose of establishing bingo or other gaming enterprises which **do not conform with state or local law.**

Secretary Ross Swimmer said the new policy announced by the Department was not in opposition to bingo operations on established reservations. He explained that it was not considered desirable - or in the tribes' best interests - to "establish small, satellite bingo reservations in or near urban areas. When a reservation or trust land is viewed as tribal homelands," Swimmer said, "the traditional concept, the special status and laws affecting that land and the tribes make sense. If you distort that concept for the purpose of some quick economic benefits, the whole system is endangered." He said the Department has a number of applications pending to **take land into trust expressly** for the purpose of setting up bingo operations and those requests would be denied. The new policy does not prevent the taking of off-reservation land into trust for non-gaming purposes such as housing.

Swimmer concluded his comments by saying, "We are concerned with protecting existing tribal sovereignty and governmental authority in Indian Country."

Swimmer drops group funding

Interior Assistant Secretary Ross Swimmer has informed the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the National Tribal Chairmens' Association (NTGA) that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will no longer continue funding the two organizations.

In a January 27th letter to Reuben Snake, president of NCAI, and an identical letter to Richard LaFramboise, president of NTCA, Swimmer noted that the only BIA source for money provided to the national organizations was tribal program funding. Swimmer said he could not continue the practice of giving tribal program funds to the nationa organizations, when Bureau funding for these programs had been reduced and then cut further by the requirements of the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction act.

At a mid-year conference of the two organizations, February 10-12, in Washington, D.C., Swimmer told participants that the organizations should be supported by the tribes and the people they represent. Swimmer, in his letter to the two organization presidents, asked for recommendations for identifying and giving priorities to "the real problems on reservations which we want to solve." He added, "Let's get into the problem-solving mode. In the past there have been many, many tribes that have used the federal dollars to provide emergency employment on reservations, without planning for long range development and benefits, and on many of these same reservations, heavy unemployment continues today."

Navajo issue industrial bonds

The Navajo tribal council has approved the issuance of Navajo Nation Industrial Bonds.

The Navajo tribal chairman and the Navajo Bond Financing and Investment Committee will negotiate the issuance of tax-exempt bonds in an amount not to exceed $30 million.

Funds received from the sale of these bonds will be used for various tribal programs and services to the Navajo people.

Trade & Development Council planned

As a follow up action to two meetings to discuss international trade activities, several Northwest Indian tribes have expressed an interest in establishing an Indian International Trade and Development Council.

The initial planning and efforts to establish such a council have been under the leadership of the Lummi Tribe, which recently created a foreign-trade zone on the Lummi Reservation. The primary objective of the Trade and Development Council will be to organize Indian tribes into a consortium to market their own resources and commodities. The Trade and Development Council would also benefit tribes by identifying opportunities and promoting Indian trade and business transactions in the world marketplace.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Portland area office is offering assistance and support in the efforts to establish the Indian International Trade and Development Council.







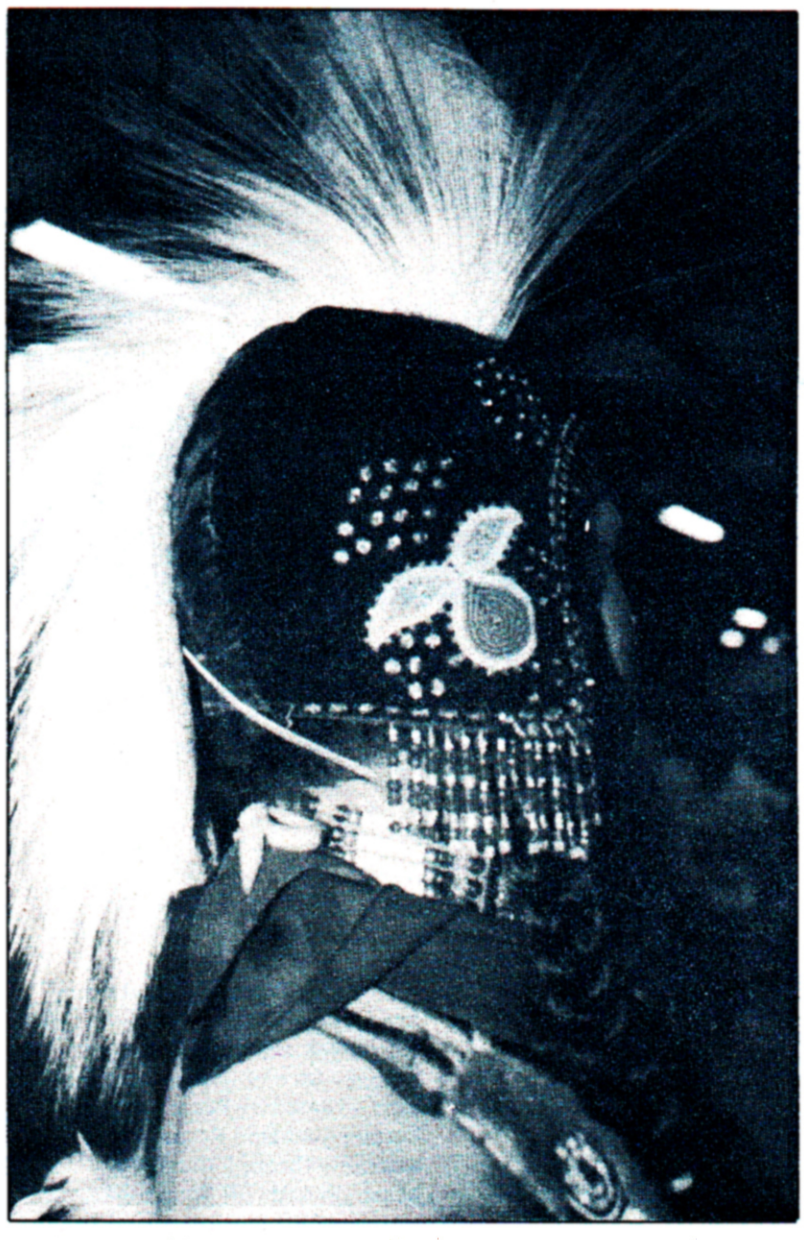


Pow wows are for everyone











More than 400 dancers and observors participated in a warm-up pow wow sponsored by the Pottawatomie Intertribal Pow Wow (P.I.P.) Club earlier this month to kick off the pow wow season.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed at P.I.P. pow wows — which insures wholesome family entertainment. Many of the participants pictured here will be in attendance at the Potawatomi Pow Wow June 27, 28 and 29 — one more reason why you should plan your vacation for the last weekend in June in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The June pow wow will also feature a stomp dance, an eagle dance and numerous western and northern drums.

Albert Nocktonick (cover photo), a Citizen Band Potawatomi from Lawrence, Kansas, honored the tribe by attending this month's pow wow and dancing in his traditional Algonquin dress.

Left page, clockwise from top: P.I.P. pow wows are a family event, as illustrated by three generations of this Cherokee-Pawnee family; Zach Morris, head man dancer, leads the entrance parade, followed by P.I.P. and Tribal Princess, Ginger Pawpa; P.I.P. shawl dancers; Princess Pawpa followed by P.I.P. President Kenneth Peltier in the Grand Entrance; a future pow wow princess dancing with her mother.

Right page, clockwise from top: Al Nocktonick with fellow competitive dancers; Nocktonick with Vice Chairman and P.I.P. member Doyle Owens and Tribal Secretary and P.I.P. President Kenneth Peltier; closeup of the intricate Algonquin beadwork-on-velvet headress.

Potawatomi Scrapbook

Romere Darling remembered

Editor's Note: A yellowed undated newspaper clipping and the attached photo were donated to the Tribal Archives by Gladys B. Small. Although it's frustrating not to have the date of the newspaper clipping we thought you might be interested in what it says.

TIFF CITY, Mo. (AP) —To hundreds of impoverished Indians for miles around, the spirit of Christmas shines from this tiny village in southwest Missouri.

Under a program organized by Romere Darling Martin, a vivacious Potawatomi Indian woman of 60, toys and food packages are distributed every year on December 23.

If the Indian families can't make it into town, the gifts are taken to their homes —no matter how isolated they may be in the surrounding wooded hills.

An outsider passing through the village of "61 people, 72 dogs" yesterday probably would not have recognized what one resident said were "the true signs of Christmas.":

Two dozen vehicles, many of them battered pickup trucks, parked helter-skelter around Romere's liquor store.

—People uncrating fowl in a crowded storage house.

—A crowd gathered in a schoolhouse.

—And Romere, her baseball cap askew "Our Gang" style and her dark braids swinging, covering all of the bases of activity. She had organized the program known as post office "Box 14—A, Tiff City" 15 years ago as a rallying point to help the Indians.

A sign on the door of her liquor store read "Box 14-A, God Bless."

In an abandoned schoolhouse with her friends —the needy Indians, firemen from Joplin, staffers of the Bureau of Indian Affairs —Romere succeeded in encouraging two bashful Cherokee girls to sing carols in their native tongue.

Then all the Cherokees in the schoolhouse joined the singing.

As he has been doing for more than 10 years, Larry Pickard, a Quaker and close friend of Romere, delivered a blessing:

"We thank Thee for the spirit of brotherhood on this Christmas season ... We give Thee thanks for those who have shared, both near and far ... "

Romere, with an emotional delivery, added:



"... I am most thankful. Again, I thank Thee for making this a joyous Christmas for me and for my people."

Volunteers then began loading some of the 75 gifts —food packages weighing more than 100 pounds each, including chickens, milk, bread and canned goods.

Potawatomi Dictionary

The Potawatomi have a tendency to elude vowels and syllables due to the rapidity with which the dialect is spoken. The vowels are A, E, I and O.

(T) is used in place of the letter (D). (TT) is pronounced like (CH). (B) is used in place of the letter (P). (- K) at the end of a word is pronounced (ka). (MNO) is pronounced (ma—no).

NIB WE —stand

WA WITT KE —read

QASHKE SE O —jump

BMAT KE —swim

BMO SE —walk

WNA BYE KE —write

NIM E TI —dance

MBAN —sleep

TTI KA SO —play

BMAB SO —ride

MIK TTY WI —work

MSEN BYE KE —draw

TTIB TAB —sit

BMAB TO —run

WI SEN —eat

E KA TTE —slow

NKA SAN —stop

NWASH MO —rest

A BE SI —oyster

MI SHAT SO WEN —costume

NA KA NIT —leader

MA TTE WIT —worker

MISH QEN —hay

NA SHOK MA KET —helper

SHKO TE SEN —matches

YA SOT QEB SO WEN —headband

WE WEB SO WEN —swing

BIS TA BYAN —sled

NE TTI WEN MO —I'm glad

BKETT KAS —hammer

WA WAB MO WEN —mirror

TET BE SE —wheel

SHON YA SHKA MOT —purse

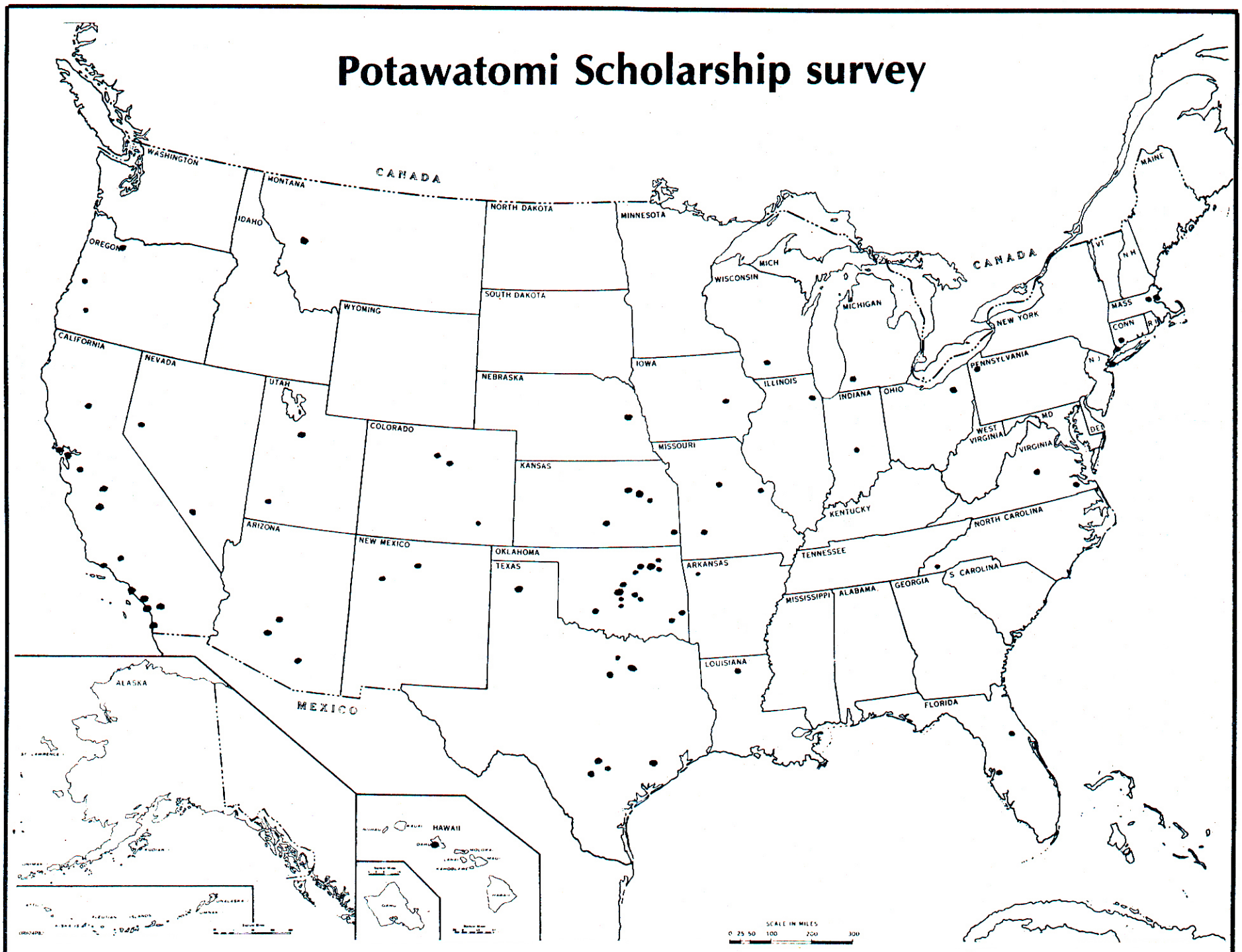
(Editor's Note: There are very few Citizen Band Potawatomi left who speak any of their native tongue. An elementary language tape, created by Prairie Band Potawatomi Don Perrote, is available through the Tribal Museum and Gift Shop for $5, which covers the reproduction and cassette costs, or can be mailed to you for a total cost of $6 to cover postage and handling. We would like to encourage all Citizen Band Potawatomi to take advantage of this opportunity to HEAR their native language. For further information contact the Tribal Museum, Rt. 5 Box 151, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801 or call (405) 275—3121.

Council meetings - the way they were

All of the Indians of this part of the country recognize their alliance with the Delaware Indians, whom they seem to consider as their forefathers, applying to them in councils the appelation of "Grandfathers," and recognizing their right of interfering and of deciding in last resort in all their national concerns. This right extends, however, only so far as to make their approbation necessary to the adoption of any important measure. Should it be withheld, the matter is again referred to the nations for consideration, in their separate councils, and should they persevere in the measure, it would bring on a separation of the alliance, and the nation refusing to submit to the decision of their grandfathers would be considered as strangers. No such instance is, however, recorded, and it is a remarkable trait in the character of all Indian institutions, as far as we have observed, that the principle of the binding influence of the will of the majority is unknown. In all their decisions, unanimity must be obtained, and very seldom fails to be procured. Firmness of purpose and an invincible perseverance in all plans against national enemies, seems with them to be united to a great spirit of conciliation among themselves, and to an indifference as to the final result of any measure which they advocate in their councils. The success of a measure depends altogether upon the personal influence of the man who brings it forward. If he be one whom they deem wise in their generation, or if he be supposed to be gifted with supernatural talents, they will yield to his suggestions without opposition, if on the contrary he be possessed of but little weight, he meets with no support, and his good sense probably induces him to relinquish his scheme.

(Reprinted from William H. Keating's "Narrative of an Expedition to the Source of St. Peter's River," published in the 1820's.)

Potawatomi Scholarship survey



More than 215 requests for assistance with education expenses were approved by the Potawatomi Scholarship Committee for the 1985—86 college year. One-hundred-and-twenty students received a total of $51,854.07 for the 1985 Fall semester. Ninety-nine students were funded for Spring 1986 for a total amount of $42,240.

During the 1985—86 school year Potawatomi tribal members received assistance at seven medical schools; 48 universities; 23 colleges; three vocational—technical training schools; four junior colleges; four business institutes; four technical institutes; three art institutes; three beauty colleges and one court reporting institute (see map for locations).

Potawatomi students from the following states received tribal funding for higher education this year:

Arizona —4
Arkansas —1
California —24
Colorado —4
Connecticut —1
Florida —4
Hawaii —1
Illinois —2
Indiana —1
Iowa —1
Kansas —15
Louisiana —1
Maine —2
Michigan —1
Missouri —6
N. Carolina —1
New Mexico —1
New York —1
Ohio —1
Oklahoma —56
Oregon —3
Pennsylvania —2
Texas —11
Utah —1
Virginia —2
Wisconsin —1

One-hundred-and-twenty applicants were received for Fall 1985; 28 new applicants for Spring 1986 and 71 continuing students were approved for assistance.

Assistance with higher education is the most precious gift the tribe can offer its out-of-state members. The deadline for assistance for the Fall 1986 school year is August 15. For more information contact Lori Bowlan at Rt. 5, Box 151, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

In your opinion

Hello All My Relations,

I am one of the Pambogo children that would have loved to call Grandma Caroline Peltier Pambogo, if only she had lived to see even one of us. I do know that Grandpa never married again and that I have always felt close to her even tho I've never see a picture of her. I lost the last of her children in 1981. Her name was Alice Pambogo Ward, and she was my Aunt. My father was Alexander Benjamin Pambogo. My Grandfather was John Baptiste Pambogo, who was a wise and caring man. I have much to thank him for including the fact that even tho he was hard of hearing, he always heard me when I needed him. If anyone out there has a picture of Grandma Caroline, please let me hear from you.

Now I have the honor of being an elder and of working with many young people here in the Bay Area. Believe me the rewards are mine, because we have the most beautiful, both in soul and looks, young people there is. I am enclosing one of the great rewards one reaps in this type of work. It came from a young Potawatomi named Duane Berryhill, a wonderful youth, modest, caring and hardworking. I cried when I first heard it, yes, cried from joy and thankfulness to our Creator for letting me have such an abundance of friends. I hope you get as much enjoyment from reading this, as I did.

I went to St. Mary's Academy at Sacred Heart for my junior high years. Then was sent to Chilocco for high school; I must say not all of my memories of thes places are nice ones, we had some cruel people in both places who obviously didn't like Indians. But thanks to the Great Spirit he gave his "red" children a sense of humor and joy (maybe a little mischief) so that we could always find a way to see some good in everyone, and that can really take the wind out of a cruel person. There is so much truth in: the burdens we are given are never more than we can bear, because he also gave us deep reservoirs of strength to deal with same. Our guiding spirits are always with us if we just take time to listen. I enjoy mine so much, he has so many ways to show me the path I am to follow. I've been aware of him and his protection since I was seven.

Well, I've rambled on long enough, and being a newspaper publisher in the past I'm sure this letter is too long to publish but it would please me if you could use the poem of Duane, and some excerpts from these thoughts that pertain to my ancestors. You do put out a good paper and it keeps the ties strong between those of us who are now dwellers of a distant place and our people of the fire often missed.

Thanks for your time and good work,

I remain, sincerely,
Joanna J. Nichol

Walking out from the back and into the front, long braided grayish black hair with glasses, she's still busy; still working. Taking care of one or two people. Ready to ride, off she goes again to a place not too far with people, trees and some peace and quiet. Enjoying the world while its still here, while she's still here.

Duane

Dear Editor:

The HowNiKan really gets around, and brings joys and family reunions and old friends together. It's more than just a paper. It is more like a friendly letter.

When I published a little article a couple of papers back, my second cousin read the article and somehow obtained my address. Our family and friends had drifted apart, I had not corresponded with any one since 1937. Here is the letter she wrote to me. I would be pleased if you would publish it. Our paper holds family ties and bonds together.

Thanks to HowNiKan I've received many pleasures and joys through its wide circulation. I am sure it goes nationwide. And it shows our people's progress and courage and patience.

Gladys Small
Shawnee, OK

Editor's Note: The following letter is the one referred to by Ms. Small that reunited her family.

Dear Gladys,

I saw your letteer in the How-Ni-Kan paper and I am in hopes you are the Gladys that used to live in Grand Junction, Colo., Joe and Lena Jackson's daughter.

If so we used to correspond, almost fifty years ago. I was Billie Spencer. It seems we wrote after we married. Your married name was Williams I believe.

Please let me know if I'm right or wrong. We have a lot of catching up to do.

Sincerely,
Billie
Mrs. Harold Cook
Florence, Oreg.

Dear Editor,

First, I would like to tell you how much I enjoyed and appreciated the Texas Regional Council meeting. I really did enjoy meeting everyone and the photo show was very nice.

Since the meeting in Houston I have searched for any and all information about my father's family. What I have found is the marriage license of Charles David Anderson and Marie (Miller) Mueller, married July 1, 1889 at the bridegroom's parent's residence near Shawneetown Indian Territory. What I thought was so interesting was their witnesses: Frank Goodboo and Catherine Greiffenstein. The license was also signed by Robert K. Quiggin. In the book "People of the Place of the Fire" I found Catherine Greiffenstein but the only Goodboo I found was Thomas.

Would someone please let me know if they were brothers?

Charlotte Anderson Spencer
342 County Road 43
Rosharon, Texas 77583

(Editor's Note: Last month's HowNiKan features an article by Tommy Anderson that may be of great assistance in your research. Can any other tribal members help Ms. Spencer out?)

Elaine Nourie Arseneau, Box 87, Beaverville, Illinois 60912 is interested in corresponding with any and all of the Bourassa descendents. We hope that many, many of you respond as this is the primary way we strengthen our Potawatomi ties and learn about our heritage.

Trading Post items for sale

The Tribal Museum and Gift Shop now has the following items available for mail order sales:

"The Potawatomis: Keepers of the Fire" by Dr. David Edmunds, honorary tribal member and a Pulitzer nominee. 366 pages detailing Potawatomi history before removal from the Great Lakes area, numerous photographs, extensive bibliography. $18.50

"Grandfather, Tell Me a Story," an oral history project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and conducted by the Citizen Band Tribe in the summer of 1983. Includes interviews with 18 Potawatomi elders. 80 pages. $6

Red and white baseball caps with the People of the Fire logo. One size fits all. $7

Nylon 2' x 3' white flags imprinted with red tribal seal. $21

Two and three-quarter inch window decals (inside application) imprinted with the tribal seal. $1 apiece.

All listed prices include postage. For further information contact the Tribal Museum at Rt. 5 Box 151, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801 or call (405) 275—3121.

OIO assistance

Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) offers technical assistance for Indian and other minority businesses on the first Thursday of every month at the Citizen Band tribal complex.

A representative of OIO will be at the tribal administration building from one till five p.m. on May 1 and June 5. OIO offers help in preparing loan packages, designing business and marketing plans, establishing accounting systems and doing many other things to improve a business' chance of success.

Anyone needing this assistance who finds it difficult to meet with the OIO at the tribal complex can arrange an appointment for a more convenient time or location. For more information contact (405) 329—3737.

Election advertising schedule

Candidates who have filed for office in the 1986 Tribal Election will be given their choice of a free one-quarter page campaign advertisement in either the May or June issue of the **HowNiKan**.

Advertising deadlines are: May 15 for the May issue of the HowNiKan; May 26 for the special June campaign issue. Advertisements must be paid for at the time of submission with a cashier's check, money order or cash. Rates are as follows: full page —$100; one-half page —$50; quarter page —$25.

For the record

Business Committee Minutes
March 11, 1986

Present: John Barrett, Doyle Owens, Kenneth Peltier, Francis Levier, Pat Sulcer, Lori Bowlan.

Chairman John Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Chairman Barrett reviewed an enrollment problem brought to his attention at the Kansas City Regional Council meeting. He presented documentation from a tribal member who was unable to get her children approved for enrollment in time for the 1983 per capita payment. Tribal Rolls secretary Lori Bowlan was instructed to investigate the matter further to determine whether or not the tribal members' children were eligible for enrollment and report back to the Business Committee.

Tribal Rolls secretary Lori Bowlan submitted three applications for enrollment. Francis Levier moved to approve Pot. Resolution 86–222 approving two of the applicants and tabling the third for further investigation. Kenneth Peltier seconded the motion; passed 3-0 with Doyle Owens abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Doyle Owens moved to send a conditional enrollment form to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to approve Potawatomi enrollment of a Bourbonnais descendant wishing to drop Chippewa enrollment and become a Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal member. Francis Levier noted that the applicant was one-eighth Potawatomi for the record and seconded the motion; passed 4—0.

Discussion was held on contacting the BIA regarding the tribe's share of road funds. Consensus was to ask the BIA to allocate tribal road funds to repairing Hardesty Road.

Francis Levier moved to approve Pot. Resolution86 — 227 appointing Gary Bourbonnais, David Bourbonnais, Don Yott, Clarice Melot Bryant and Norman Kiker to the 1986 Tribal Election Committee and appointing Norman Kiker as chairman of the Committee under regulations outlined in the 1986 Election Ordinance. John Barrett seconded the motion; passed 5-0 with Committeeman Bob Davis voting by phone.

Business Committee recessed at 7 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman John Barrett read the minutes of the February 18, 1986 Business Committee meeting. Discussion was held on whether or not bids had been taken on mowing machines for the golf course. Doyle Owens is still accepting bids. Doyle Owens moved to approve the minutes as read; Kenneth Peltier seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Francis Levier submitted a list of possible appointments to the Tribal Court and moved to contact the individuals to see if they would accept an appointment to the Bench. Doyle Owens seconded the motion; passed 4-0.

Extended discussion was held with representatives of Quannah Enterprises, a 100% Indian owned oilfield equipment and rental services operation desiring to incorporate under the Potawatomi Corporation Act. Kenneth Peltier, tribal secretary, and Ed Wilson, Tax Commission director, will be filing an attorney-approved charter for Quannah Enterprises in the coming week.

Francis Levier moved to approve Pot. Resolution86—226 concurring with the conclusions of Presnell Associates in their tribal roads report and confirming that roads identified in their report are of highest priority. Kenneth Peltier seconded; passed 4-0.

Kenneth Peltier moved to approve Pot. Resolution86—224 approving guidelines for the Home Improvement Program of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe, limiting eligible households to $12,000 a year annual income and increasing by $1,000 per year for each dependent in the home. Doyle Owens seconded; passed 4-0.

Francis Levier moved to approve Pot. Resolution86—223 requesting that the BIA enter into a Housing Improvement Program with the Citizen Band Tribe. Doyle Owens seconded; passed 4-0.

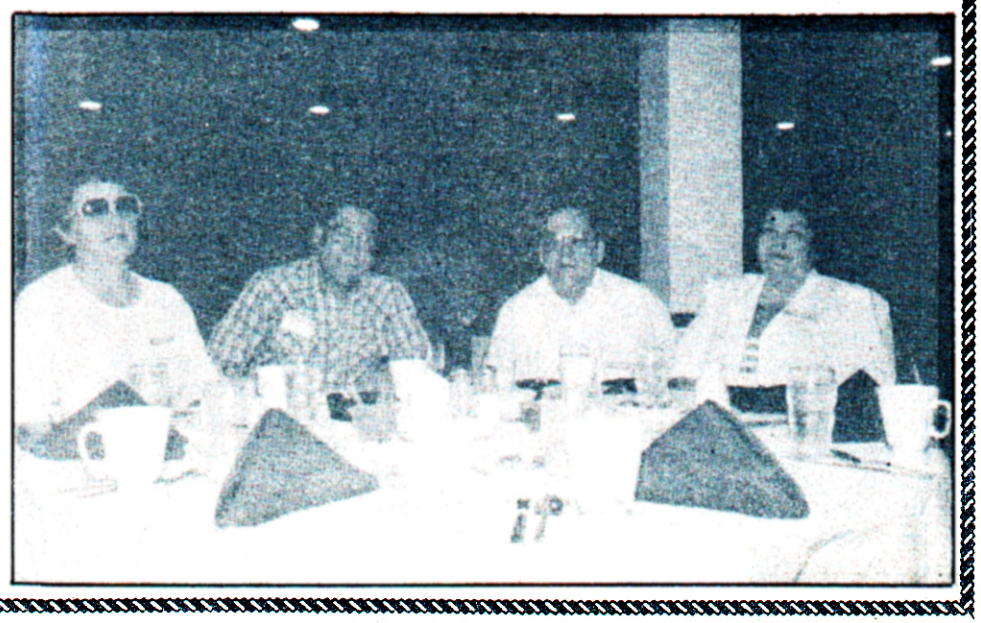
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.





Wichita memories

Chairman John Barrett's claim that "Tribe means family" took on a special meaning at the Wichita Regional Council, April 6. Top left: Pat Asmann, Jean Clark, Mary Kincaid, Medora Foudray and Virginia Mitchell — Jean, Mary and Medora are sisters; Pat is Jean's daughter and Virginia is Medora's. Top right: Tribal member Jan Dobb's brought her husband and three children to the meeting to learn about her heritage. Bottom right: Brothers Dewey and Max Rhodd brought wives Beverly and Vivian and wish to say "hello" to all the Rhodds across the country.



Sovereignty watch

Federal policy discussed

On February 24, President Reagan met with Interior Secretary Donald Hodel and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Ross Swimmer to discuss the Administration's Indian policy and programs.

Meeting at the White House, they reviewed the Indian policy statement issued by the President in January 1983, and explored ways to further implement and enhance the policy, according to a Bureau of Indian Affairs publication.

The 1983 policy statement stressed the leadership role of tribal governments and the lessening of federal involvement in reservation affairs. The Interior officials talked with the President about increasing opportunities for tribes to do business with the federal government, improving coordination among federal agencies in providing services to tribes, developing private sector participation in reservation economies, and a number of other ideas.

The President directed the Secretary to submit recommendations in more detail to the Cabinet's Domestic Policy Council for further consideration. According to Swimmer, "We expect to be submitting some recommendations to the Domestic Council in the near future and we look forward to working closely with the council to bring some real improvements to Indian Country."

State loses bingo battle

The Ninth Circuit Court in California ruled February 25, in favor of the Cabazon and Morongo Bands of Mission Indians, holding that state and county bingo and card room laws cannot be enforced against tribal bingo operations.

The court rejected the state's arguments that state and county laws were applicable under Public Law 280, the Organized Crime Control Act or federal common law.

P.L. 280 gives the state law enforcement authority on the reservations. The court, in its decision, chose to follow an earlier ruling involving the Barona Band of Mission Indians with respect to P.L. 280 interpretation. The court held the bingo operations did not violate the Organized Crime Control Act because they were not contrary to the public policy of the state. It also said that the federal interest in promoting self-determination and the tribal interest in revenue and employment outweighed the state interest in protecting against the potential for intrusion of organized crime. The state is expected to file a petition for certiorari in the Supreme Court.

Reservation highways status challenged

South Dakota Indian Tribes are expected to appeal two recent court decisions in which a state judge has ruled that the state has jurisdiction on all highways in South Dakota, including those on reservations.

The rulings of the state judge were based on a 1979 U.S. Supreme Court decision that said the State of Washington could exercise partial jurisdiction on reservations. The South Dakota attorney general said the court decisions give the state jurisdiction on reservation highways, streets, by-ways and alleys.

International Indian pact signed

Indian leadership from the United States and Canada have met and signed an International Indian Mutual Assistance Pact.

The ceremony was attended by Indian dignitaries and selected guests from both the U.S. and Canada. The historic meeting took place on February 13, 1986 at 11 am in the New Orleans Hilton Riverside and Towers, New Orleans, Louisiana. The event was heralded as a unique and progressive step toward uniting the Indians of the North American Continent.

In addition to signing the Pact, elected Indian representatives from Canada and the United States held a joint press conference to publicize the plight of their people. Issues that were addressed included needs of the non-status and off-reservation Native peoples, federal governmental neglect/abuses or misdirection, cooperation between selected urban Indian organizations, and measures that will enhance future relations on both sides of the border.

Representing the interests of the 800,000 urban and rural Indians and Alaska Natives of the United States will be a delegation of elected leaders from the National Urban Indian Council. According to the President of the Council, Elizabeth Stately:

"While we have enjoyed a long standing relationship with the leadership of Canada, this is the first time we have actually decided to formally pursue some common problems in a unified effort. The mutual understanding we have of governmental practices and policies, coupled with ever tightening budgets and financial support, make this upcoming meeting even more important."

The Canadian delegation was led by Viola Thomas, President of the National Association of Friendship Centres. This organization advocates for the interests of the Indian, Metis and Native peoples of Canada who reside off the reserve. According to Ms. Thomas:

"The NAFC is looking forward to developing a close working relationship with the NUIC and exchanging concepts and resources between the organizations. The formal, established linkage will benefit the urban Native people in both countries."

Future collaboration between the two organizations and their leadership is presently being charted out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Pact. Tentative items for such interaction include joint meetings, establishing cross border "twining" ties between specific cities and a second International off-reservation Indian summit with participation from indigenous peoples throughout the world.

Sovereign billboards

The Supreme Court rejected arguments recently that the State of California has authority to regulate billboards on the Morongo Indian Reservation.

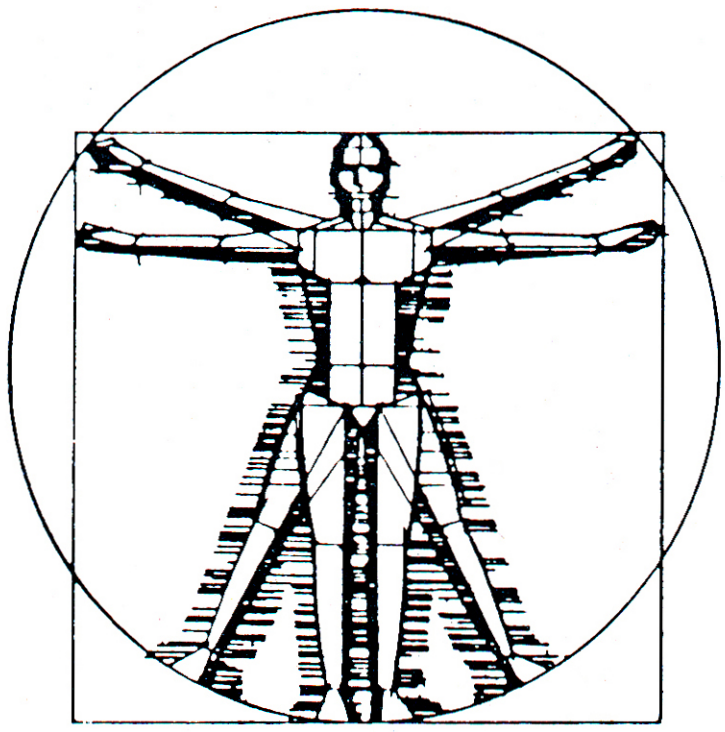
The reservation, which adjoins Interstate 10, lies between a narrow pass between the San Bernadino and San Jacinto mountain ranges. The Morongo Tribe contracted to put up 16 billboards in 1977. California officials maintain the billboards are a public nuisance and violate rules to protect the safety and scenic beauty of the land. The state had also mainatained the contractor violated a state law requiring outdoor advertising companies to obtain permits for any sign within 600 feet of a highway.

Education directory offered by BIA

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Indian Education Programs has announced the completion of a new "Education Directory."

The 1985-86 edition lists BIA education officials, elementary and secondary schools - both federal and tribal, community colleges, the three BIA post-secondary schools and a list of BIA central office education personnel.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the directory write or call Ms. Connie Steed, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Room 4659 - Code 513, 18th & C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20245, (202/343-7111).



WELLCARE
Western Heritage Life

Western Heritage Life will have a service representative in the Citizen Band Potawatomi administrative offices the last Thursday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Universal Life enrollment will be done during these sessions.

National News

Justice Dept. bingo opinion

In a March 26th letter to Congressman Morris Udall, Assistant Attorney General John Bolton expressed Justice Department opposition to H.R. 1920, Udall's bill to regulate reservation gambling.

According to Bolton, "A major objection is that it fails to recognize that uncontrolled high stakes gambling on Indian reservations, involving large sums of cash and lucrative peripheral service industries, will draw organized crime like a magnet, and in its trail will follow fraud and corruption. States with legalized gambling, such as Nevada and New Jersey, have taken strong measures to prevent criminal infiltration and abuse. Indians are no more susceptible to infiltration by organized crime than any other segment of society. But they are not less susceptible either. An enterprise which has so much cash changing hands will attract criminal elements unless there are proper safeguards. H.R. 1920 fails to provide the high degree of regulation and control necessary to ensure the integrity of the games this legislation intends to legitimate."

Bolton then went on to explain that the Administration would favor a bill that would make all reservation gambling —except bingo —subject to state jurisdiction.

"Federal enforcement authorities do not have resources or expertise to investigate gambling violations based on state laws. States, on the other hand, already have in place the necessary enforcement mechanisms to regulate and enforce their gambling laws. Prosecution of criminal cases arising out of state gambling laws must remain primarily the responsibility of the states, with the federal government playing a back-up role within its appropriate jurisdiction. This comports with applicable constitutional principles."

Nebraska loses jurisdiction

Following a tense and heated debate among members of the Nebraska Legislature, the legislature has agreed to retrocede criminal jurisdiction over the Winnebago Reservation in northeast Nebraska.

The January 16 vote was 25-21, precisely the number needed for passage. The favorable passage of LR 57 means the state will give back its criminal jurisdiction to the federal government. The tribe will then exercise exclusive jurisdiction over misdemeanors committed by Indians on the reservation.

A similar resolution was introduced last year. A local group dedicated to termination lobbied against it and the resolution never got to the floor for a debate or vote on the merits. This year, strong support from a number of groups and state representatives made the critical difference in passage of the legislation.

Gambling was a central issue in the debate, the opposition's fear being that retrocession would translate into increased gambling on the reservation and elsewhere. However, the sponsor of the legislation said that "there can be no more gambling (on the reservation) after retrocession than before," adding that "retrocession was the fair thing to do for a people who wish to help themselves."

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Nebraska State Patrol (a statewide police agency), have agreed to enter into a full cross-deputization agreement covering the Winnebago Reservation. The agreement will be effective July 1, 1986, the date of retrocession.

Smithsonian accused

The National Congress of American Indians has accused scientists at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History of violating Indians' religious rights by tampering with 14,000 American Indian skeletons used for research.

Jan Hammil, who heads a national organization called American Indians Against Desecration (AID), said "they do not do this with any other race of people but the red man. Can you imagine if they dug up white Americans and put them on display in the name of science? It would not be tolerated."

Douglas Ubelaker, curator of anthropology at the Smithsonian Museum said the bones already have been the key in uncovering the diets of Indians over generations, their illnesses, lifestyles and routes of Indian migration across the United States. He said they're valuable in trying to learn the history of the American Indians themselves. "They are an important part of the history of this hemisphere," said Ubelaker.

Smithsonian officials suggested returning skeletons to any Indian who can prove they are directly related to the person whose bones the museum posseses but, according to Hammil, this idea does not fit with the American Indian religious concept that all Indians are responsible for the care of their collective ancestors' spirits.

"Cheers" for education

A TV documentary about the importance of education to the American Indian child is narrated by Ted Danson, star of the NBC hit show "Cheers."

Danson, a member of the board of directors of Futures for Children, an organization in Albuquerque, New Mexico that is producing the film, described the documentary, called the "Firemakers," as a positive and realistic picture of the challenges that American Indian children face today. Danson said Indian children need a good education to help them grow up and live successfully in two worlds, "the world of their rich traditions and the world of our modern society."

"Firemakers" was taped at several locations on the Navajo and Hopi reservations in Arizona and the New Mexicao Pueblos of Jemiz, Santa Ana and Zuni. Futures for Children is a non-profit organization which provides programs for American Indians in the southwest. The film was produced in conjunction with Futures' 25th anniversary celebration. The film, aired in Albuquerque March 7, is also available for rent or purchase.

For more information write or call Futures for Children at 805 Tijeras, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 (505/247-4700), outside New Mexico (800/545-6843).

Indians fight nuclear dumps

The Penobscot Indians of Maine have joined a chorus of Indian tribes from other parts of the country who have voiced objection to U.S. Energy Department proposals to bury nuclear waste on reservations.

A Portland, Maine attorney representing the Penobscots, told Energy Department officials that the selection of the Bottle Lake region as a potentially acceptable waste site violated the United States' trust responsibilities to the tribe and failed to observe the rights spelled out in the 1980 Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act and the 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

A tribal geologist, Theresa Secord, says the 1982 Act requires the Department to treat tribes and states equally and points out the state of Maine has received $750,000 for research and studies, while the tribe has received only $30,000.

The Menominee Indians of northern Wisconsin have also stated they "are prepared to fight" to keep the government from taking a portion of their reservation for development of a nuclear waste repository.

Tribal spokesmen told Energy Department officials earlier this month, "You have instilled fear in our old people, and our young people are prepared to fight you. We are a sovereign nation. You have no right to come hear and desecrate our lands."

Chilocco reunion slated for June

The Chilocco National Alumni Association will hold its annual reunion in Oklahoma City at the Marriott Hotel, June 13, 14 and 15, 1986.

The reunion will officially begin Friday, June 13, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. The classes of 1936, 1946, 1956 and all years ending in six (6) will be honored this year.

A pow wow Friday night starting at 6 p.m. will start the reunion festivities. On Saturday, activities will begin with a Company C Breakfast, Fun Run-Walk, general meeting and a visit to the 45th Division Museum. All students, employees and veterans who served as a member of a Company C in World War II and Korea are invited.

The Alumni Association will hold their general meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m. Hall of Fame ceremonies and banquet will begin at 5 p.m. Bill Chandler, Amarillo, Texas, Class of '42, will MC the program. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. with Al Good's Dance Band. Ten new inductees to the Hall of Fame will be honored.

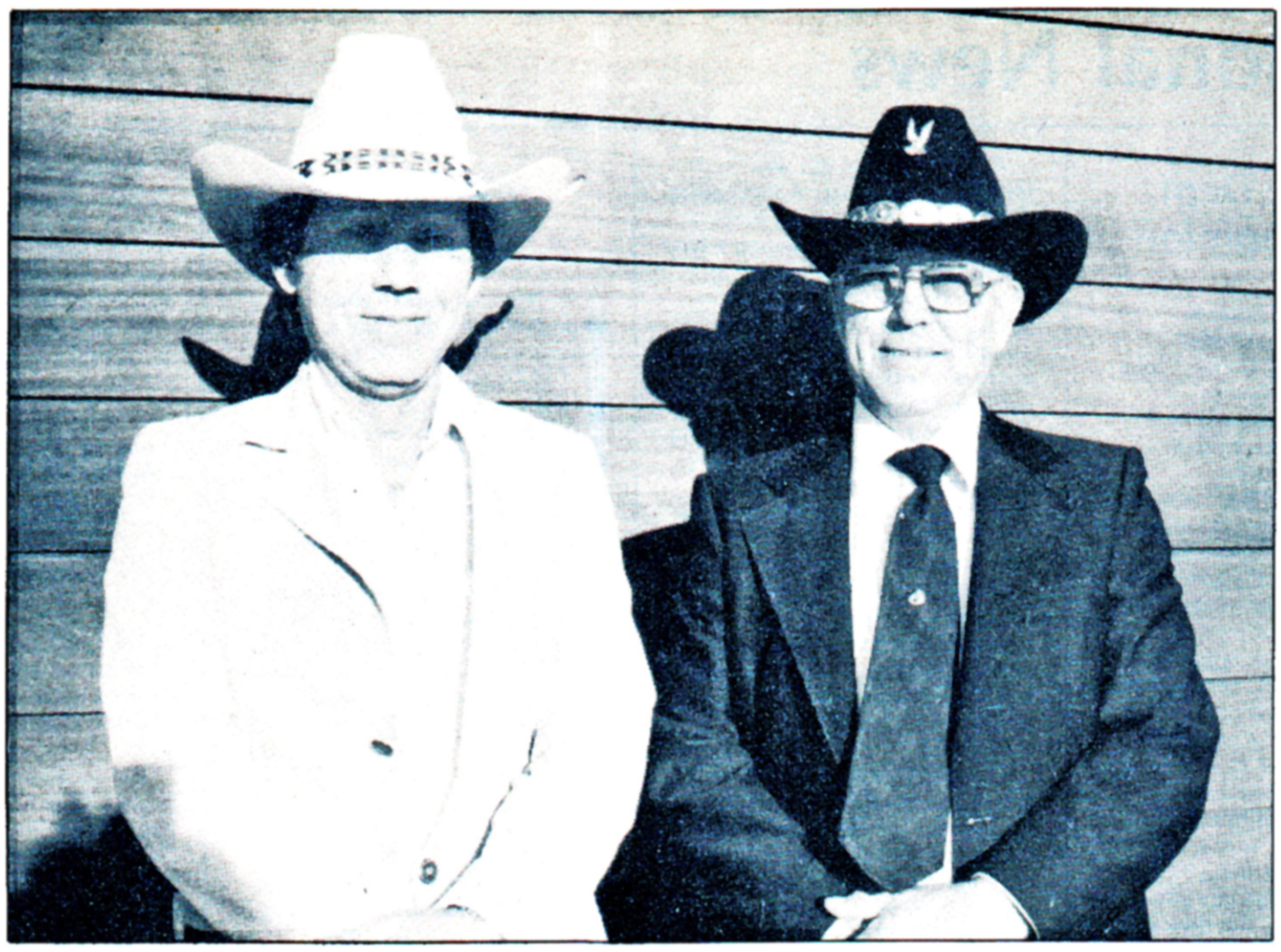
For further information contact: Mary Lou Bacon Toeplitz, 120 W. Glenhaven Dr., Midwest City, Ok. 73110, phone (504) 737-3915, or Cedric Starr, 12355 E. 39th St., Tulsa, Ok. 74145, phone (918) 622-5420.

Cherokee named Virginia judge

Charles Cloud, a Cherokee Indian whose grandfather helped draft the Oklahoma State Constitution, has been selected to serve as a judge in the State of Virginia's General District Court in Norfolk City.

Cloud, a 1959 graduate of the William and Mary University law school, said he believed he was the first Indian to serve as a judge in the Virginia courts. Cloud, formerly in private practice, is also a former Chief Deputy Commonwealth Attorney for Virginia.

Cloud's grandfather, the Rev. Henry Cloud, was one of two Indians on the Oklahoma State Constitutional Committee and was, subsequently, a member of the state legislature.



"VOTE THE TICKET"

Dear Tribal Member,

June will soon be here — and that means Tribal election time. Doyle Owens and Kenneth Peltier, Sr., the incumbents running for the offices of Tribal Vice Chairman and Tribal Secretary-Treasurer respectively, are soliciting your support in their bid for re-election.

DURING OUR TENURE IN OFFICE:

We were directly involved in getting the new Tribal Constitution approved that guarantees a voice — and a vote — for all Tribal Members;

The Tribal Prosthetics & Scholarship Committees more than tripled the benefits paid out to Tribal Members;

The Tribe chartered its first Native American owned and operated company under the guidelines provided for under the Economic Development Act of 1984;

Plans have been approved for a 25-unit, low cost elderly housing development that will serve as a HUD pilot project for similar developments;

The Tribal Convenience Store has grossed more than $2 million annually in cigarette, gasoline and merchandise sales;

The Title VI Elderly Feeding Program has nearly doubled in participation and has greatly expanded services to the elderly in our area;

A Tribal Court System has been established to protect the sovereign jurisdiction of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe and its people;

The Tribe has implemented an IBM System 36 Computer Program for all Tribal departments and enterprises;

Seven Regional Council meetings have been held outside the state of Oklahoma, bringing a renewed interest and pride to hundreds of Tribal Members who would otherwise be isolated from their Tribal operation;

The Tribe has very nearly cleared up a tremendous backlog of debt and, within a year, should be fully operating "in the black;"

We introduced Potawatomi Resolution No. 86-218, "Approving 1978 per capita payments to all persons wrongfully declared deceased" who were wrongfully denied their rightful share of the Potawatomi claims monies;

We, Kenneth Peltier and Doyle Owens, are looking forward to meeting the challenges faced by the Tribe head-on. We believe in the Tribe's past — and we believe in its future. With your enthusiasm, support and VOTE, we can guarantee our children a Citizen Band heritage in perpetuity.

Please keep in mind an absentee ballot is critical for anyone not planning to vote in person on June 28th. Please mail the "Request For Ballot" included in this issue of the HowNiKan, or drop a line to the Election Committee at P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, Ok. 74873. All requests for ballot must include your name, address and Tribal Roll number.

Please vote the ticket with the most experience, dedication and tradition. Please re-elect -

Doyle Owens for Vice Chairman
Kenneth Peltier for Secretary-Treasurer

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